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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Therese Ouellet, et al. Date: January 2, 2004

Serial No.: 09/747,007 Group Art Unit: 1636

Filed: 12/21/2000 Examiner: David A. Lambertson

Title: TRANSLATIONAL REGULATORY ELEMENTS File No.: 411044,90030

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.78 (a)(6) TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED CLAIM OF PRIORITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF A PRIOR-FILED PROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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Dear Sir:

On December 21, 2000, applicants filed the above-identified application and unintentionally omitted the cross-reference information claiming the benefit of the prior-filed U.S. Provisional Serial Application No. 60/172,813 filed December 21, 1999. Applicants, respectfully Petition herein for the Office to accept this unintentionally delayed claim under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) for the benefit of the prior-filed provisional application. As such, accompanied herewith this Petition are the requisite papers:

- (1) The reference required by 35 U.S.C. 119(e) and 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5) to the prior-filed provisional application in an Amendment After Notice of Allowance pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312;
- (2) The surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(t); and
- (3) A statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(5)(ii) and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that the delay in claiming priority in the patent specification to the prior-filed U.S. Provisional Serial Application No. 60/172,813 filed December 21, 1999 was unintentional and was only recently brought to the Applicants' attention.

Applicants further submit that in the Declaration For Utility or Design Patent Application filed with this application a claim was formally made under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) for benefit of the December 21, 1999 filing date of provisional patent application Serial No. 60/172,813. Accordingly, please accept this Petition and the aforementioned related papers submitted herewith which are intended to make this same priority claim in the patent specification.

Please charge the fee due, believed to be \$1,330.00 to Deposit Account No. 17-0055. No other fee is believed to be due in connection with this response. However, if any fee is due in this or any subsequent response, please charge the fee to the same Deposit Account No. 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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C mplete if Known FEE TRANSMITTAL 09/747,007 **Application Number** 12/21/2000 Filing Date for FY 2004 Therese Ouellet First Named Inventor Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision. **Examiner Name** David A. Lambertson Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 Art Unit 1636 (\$) 1,330.00 **TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** 411044.90030 Attorney Docket No.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.78 (a)(6)(iii)

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Applicants further state that the Declaration for Utility or Design Patent Application filed with this application formally claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) the benefit of the December 21, 1999 filing date of provisional patent application Serial No. 60/172,813. Accordingly, Applicants submit that he failure to claim priority in the patent specification as indicated above was wholly unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE (37 CFR 1.312)

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due dated December 18, 2003, please amend the above application as follows.

Amendment to the Specification

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Page 1, please add the following heading and paragraph after the title:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Serial Application No. 60/172,813 filed December 21, 1999.--

REMARKS

In the Declaration For Utility or Design Patent Application filed with this application a claim was formally made under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) for benefit of the December 21, 1999 filing date of provisional patent application Serial No. 60/172,813. The above amendment is intended to make this same claim in the patent specification.

The Notice of Allowance does not acknowledge this claim for domestic priority and Applicants respectfully request that this claim be acknowledged.

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. It requires only a cursory review by the Examiner and it places the application in better condition for issuance.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 that may be due on this application to Deposit Account 17-0055. The Commissioner is also authorized to treat this amendment and any future reply in this matter requiring a petition for an extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time as provided by 37 CFR § 136(a)(3).

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